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Dear Judge,

Greetings! On behalf of the Community Corrections Council (Council), please participate in completing the Nebraska District Court Judges Survey 2006. This will help the Council in efforts to support sentences that allow an offender to be safely supervised in the community, and will assist in ensuring that there is a continuum of community corrections sentencing options available to judges to do so. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete.

"Community corrections" has been defined as supervising an offender in the community on probation, parole, or in a problem-solving court program. The Council has identified its initial target population as felony drug offenders.

Your responses will not be identified with you personally nor will any information be shared that may identify you. The survey findings in report form will be sent to you after the results are compiled.

The results of this survey will allow the Council to articulate, through data, what challenges judges across Nebraska face in sentencing to community corrections when appropriate, and will allow the Council to influence other policy-makers to address these challenges.

I appreciate your willingness to contribute to the continued undertaking of making community corrections a success.

Thank you for your time and effort!